

Tom Young, Higher Education Chair

Please carefully consider SB 83 as I believe this will bring a sense of relief and sanity to students, teachers, and staff at the universities to just teach courses and educate students without undo political pressure.

- 1) Ideologies like DEI, etc. is so political that no one wants to take a chance and risk losing staff and/or students, etc. Should this bill get passed it would be easy for all universities to “get back to business”.
- 2) Students would not feel pressured to participate in something they are not comfortable with just to “get along” or make sure they don’t have an instructor use it against them. I did not have to deal with anything like this when I went to BGSU, and I would be the type that would be stressed out by pressure to do things I was not comfortable with. I would have a hard time doing my studies and work. Please let the students just learn and become upstanding citizens that we need more of. You have the power to do this.
- 3) It will re-teach or teach students what are country stands for and how important our rights are to all of us by re-teaching the constitution, declaration of independence, etc. We need students to understand that these inalienable rights are for everyone, not just one side.
- 4) It will put students on an even playing field and does not make any certain group feel like they are “less than” others because of race, etc.
- 5) I like the change to 4 years for the trustees getting new people in every time. I noticed that when people are on a board too long, they get to liking each other too much to criticize or push for new ideas.
- 6) I like the accountability of expenses.
- 7) I especially like the restrictions with the CCP, Peoples Republic of China. We need to protect our nation from these people. They already steal much of our technology all the time. They would kill each one of us if they had the chance. They are not our friends. If I had my way, they would not be allowed to be in our universities at all.
- 8) I like the accountability for the instructors regardless of tenure. Too often bad instructors stay on and on because of tenure. That is not good for our students, and it wastes money and time.
- 9) Making the syllabuses available online to the public is a great idea so anyone can see what is being taught. Many parents and the public wonder what is being taught at all schools not just universities.
- 10) Just the opposition alone that we see should be enough for you to see how important this bill is. Unfortunately, the majority that I believe would want this bill will not be present. It seems only the people who don’t want it will come out in numbers. Is there any way to get a survey out to Ohioans to see what the majority feel? I just ran for school board and believe me the people who I believe want to destroy our youth, country and values are working harder than ever to go against such a normal, no-nonsense bill such as this. There are other states that have passed bills like this. Let’s be the next one. This bill has my full support.

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